

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (amended) A sealed battery in which an opening of a battery case is sealed, with any one of a sealing member via an insulating gasket, and a sealing unit in which a sealing member is crimped inside a filter via an inner gasket, the sealed battery including a sheet-like gasket having a higher coefficient of rebound resilience than the insulating gasket and the inner gasket, the sheet-like gasket being placed upon the sealing member so that the battery case is tightly sealed with any one of a combination of the insulating gasket and the sheet-like gasket, and a combination of the insulating gasket, the sheet-like gasket, and the inner gasket, by crimping the opening of the battery case inwards.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Amended) A sealed battery in which an opening of a battery case is sealed, with any one of a sealing member via an insulating gasket, and a sealing unit in which a sealing member is crimped inside a filter via an inner gasket, wherein any one of a thickness of an upper face of the insulating gasket or and the inner gasket in a part that makes contact with an upper face of a cap is made larger so that the battery case is tightly sealed with any one of a combination of

the insulating gasket and the sheet-like gasket, and a combination of the insulating gasket, the sheet-like gasket, and the inner gasket, by crimping the opening of the battery case inwards.

4. (amended) The sealed battery according to claim ~~4~~ 3 wherein, an annular sealing protrusion is provided at a compressed point during the crimping process of the insulating gasket and/or the inner gasket; and a sheet-like gasket having a higher coefficient of rebound resilience than the gaskets is placed upon the sealing protrusion.